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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A method for providing computer understanding by generating computer instructions from a free continuous speech natural language dialog, comprising:

receiving a symbolic representation of a free continuous speech natural language utterance;

parsing said symbolic representation of said free continuous speech natural language utterance into parsed information;

entering said parsed information into a computer instruction generator, wherein said computer instruction generator is adapted to receive inputs from a context sensitive subject area dictionary system, a context sensitive program module subdictionary system, a context sensitive argument subdictionary system, and a context sensitive value subdictionary system and wherein said context sensitive subject area dictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of subject areas, said context sensitive program module subdictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of program modules for each of said subject areas, said context sensitive argument subdictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of arguments for each of said program modules and said context sensitive value subdictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of values for each of said arguments;

determining, by accessing said a context sensitive system-subject area dictionary system for a subject area, a subject area identifier for a subject area of said parsed information based upon parsing the symbolic representation, the parsing producing parsed information;

determining, by accessing said a context sensitive program module system subdictionary system for a program module of the subject area, a module identifier for a

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program module of said subject area based upon the determined subject area identifier and the parsed information;

determining, by accessing a said-context sensitive argument ~~system~~-subdictionary ~~system for an argument of the program module~~, an argument identifier for an argument of said program module based upon the determined module identifier and the parsed information;

determining, by accessing a said context sensitive ~~system~~-value ~~subdictionary system for a value of the argument~~, a value identifier for a value of said argument based upon the determined argument identifier and the parsed information; and

producing computer instructions based upon the subject area identifier, module, the module identifier, the argument identifier and the value identifier, 20 such that the free continuous speech natural language utterance is processed by the computer.

2. (currently amended): The method of Claim 1 wherein said subject area comprises a plurality of sub-subject areas and the context sensitive ~~system~~-subject area ~~dictionary system for the subject area~~ further comprises a context sensitive ~~system~~ sub-subject area subdictionary for each ~~a~~ of said sub-subject areas.

3. (original): The method of Claim 1 wherein determining a value identifier further comprises querying the computer system for a missing value identifier.

4. (original): The method of Claim 1 wherein
determining a subject area identifier further comprises querying a user of the computer system for a missing subject area identifier;
determining a module identifier further comprises querying a user of the computer system for a missing module identifier; and
determining a value identifier further comprises querying a user of the computer system for a missing value identifier.

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5. (original): The method of Claim 1 wherein
determining a subject area identifier further comprises using a previously
determined value for a missing subject area identifier;
determining a module identifier further comprises using a previously determined
value for a missing module identifier; and
determining a value identifier further comprises using a previously determined
value for a missing value identifier.
6. (withdrawn): A method for determining an appropriate program module selection
for processing a natural language dialog in a computer system for processing natural
language, comprising:
capturing a set of successfully understood natural language dialogs and
associated program modules used to produce computer understanding;
analyzing the captured program module information to determine a
frequency of occurrence value for proceeding to a next program module from a current
program module;
storing the frequency of occurrence values in a matrix; and
determining, using the matrix, the appropriate program module selection based
on choosing program modules having non-zero frequency value entries in the matrix.
7. (withdrawn): The method for Claim 6 further comprising:
capturing a step associated with the program modules as executed within the
natural language dialogs;
analyzing the captured program module information to determine a frequency of
occurrence value, for each of the steps in the dialog, for proceeding to a next program
module from a current program module;
storing the frequency of occurrence values and step information in a matrix; and
determining, using the matrix, the appropriate program module selection based on
choosing program modules with matching step information and having non-zero
frequency value entries in the matrix.

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8. (withdrawn): The method for Claim 6 further comprising:
capturing grouping information for the program modules as executed within the natural language dialogs;
analyzing the captured program module information to determine a frequency of occurrence value, for each of the groupings, for proceeding to a next program module from a current program module;
storing the frequency of occurrence values and the grouping information in a matrix; and
determining, using the matrix, the appropriate program module selection based on choosing program module groupings having non-zero frequency value entries in the matrix.
9. (currently amended): An apparatus providing computer understanding by generating computer instructions from a free continuous speech natural language dialog, comprising:
a receiver receiving a symbolic representation of a free continuous speech natural language utterance;
a parser parsing said symbolic representation of said free continuous speech natural language utterance into parsed information;
a context sensitive subject area system dictionary system comprising data organized in a plurality of subject areas, wherein said context sensitive subject area dictionary system is used to determine a subject area identifier for a subject area based upon parsing the symbolic representation, the parsing producing of said parsed information;
a context sensitive ~~system~~ program module subdictionary system comprising data organized in a plurality of program modules for each of said subject areas and wherein said context sensitive program module subdictionary system is used to determine a module identifier for a program module of said subject area based upon the determined subject area identifier and the parsed information;
a context sensitive argument ~~system~~ subdictionary system comprising data

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organized in a plurality of arguments for each of said program modules and wherein said context sensitive argument subdictionary system is used to determine an argument identifier for an argument of said program module based upon the determined module identifier and the parsed information;

a context sensitive value system-subdictionary system comprising data organized in a plurality of values for each of said arguments and wherein said context sensitive argument subdictionary system is used to determine a value identifier for a value of said argument based upon the determined argument identifier and the parsed information; and

computer instructions produced based upon the subject area identifier, module, the module identifier, the argument identifier and the value identifier, such that the free continuous speech natural language utterance is processed by the computer.

10. (currently amended):The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein said subject area comprises a plurality of sub-subject areas and the context sensitive system-subject area dictionary system for the subject area further comprises a context sensitive system-sub-subject area subdictionary system for a each of said sub-subject areas.

11. (original):The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein undetermined value identifiers are determined by querying the computer system for a missing value identifier.

12. (original):The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein:
undetermined subject area identifiers are determined by querying a user of the computer system for a missing subject area identifier;
undetermined module identifiers are determined by querying a user of the computer system for a missing module identifier; and
undetermined value identifiers are determined by querying a user of the computer system for a missing value identifier.

13. (original):The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein

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undetermined subject area identifiers are determined using a previously determined value for a missing subject area identifier;

undetermined module identifiers are determined using a previously determined value for a missing module identifier; and

undetermined value identifiers are determined using a previously determined value for a missing value identifier.

14. (withdrawn): An apparatus determining an appropriate program module selection for processing a natural language dialog in a computer system for processing natural language, comprising:

a set of successfully understood natural language dialogs and associated program modules used to produce computer understanding;

an analyzer analyzing the captured program module information to determine a frequency of occurrence value for proceeding to a next program module from a current program module;

a matrix storing the frequency of occurrence values; and

a logic unit determining, using the matrix, the appropriate program module selection based on choosing program modules having non-zero frequency value entries in the matrix.

15. (withdrawn): The apparatus of Claim 14 further comprising:

a step identifier, associated with the program modules as executed within the natural language dialogs;

an analyzer analyzing the captured program module information to determine a frequency of occurrence value, for each of the steps identified in the dialog, for proceeding to a next program module from a current program module;

a matrix storing the frequency of occurrence values and step information; and

a logic unit determining, using the matrix, the appropriate program module selection based on choosing program modules with matching step information and having non-zero frequency value entries in the matrix.

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16. (withdrawn): The apparatus of Claim 14 further comprising:
- a grouping identifier for the program modules as executed within the natural language dialogs;
 - an analyzer analyzing the captured program module information to determine a frequency of occurrence value, for each of the groupings, for proceeding to a next program module from a current program module;
 - a matrix storing the frequency of occurrence values and the grouping information;
 - and
 - a logic unit determining, using the matrix, the appropriate program module selection based on choosing program module groupings having non-zero frequency value entries in the matrix.
17. (currently amended): An apparatus for providing computer understanding by generating computer instructions from a free continuous speech natural language dialog, comprising:
- a means for receiving a symbolic representation of a free continuous speech natural language utterance;
 - a means for parsing said symbolic representation of said free continuous speech natural language utterance into parsed information;
 - a means for determining, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system-subject area~~ dictionary ~~system for a subject area~~, a subject area identifier for a subject area of based upon parsing the symbolic representation, the parsing producing said parsed information, wherein said context sensitive subject area dictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of subject areas;
 - a means for determining, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system-program module~~ subdictionary ~~for a program module of the subject area system~~, a module identifier for a program module of said subject area based upon the determined subject area identifier and the parsed information, wherein said context sensitive program module subdictionary comprises data organized in a plurality of program modules for each of said subject areas;
 - a means for determining, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system-argument~~ subdictionary ~~for an argument of the program module system~~, an argument identifier for

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an argument of said program module based upon the determined module identifier and the parsed information, wherein said context sensitive argument subdictionary comprises data organized in a plurality of arguments for each of said program modules;

a means for determining, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system-value~~ subdictionary ~~system for a value of the argument~~, a value identifier ~~for a value of said argument~~ based upon the determined argument identifier and the parsed information, wherein said context sensitive value subdictionary comprises data organized in a plurality of values for each of said argument; and

a means for producing computer instructions based upon the subject area identifier, module, the module identifier, the argument identifier and the value identifier, such that the free continuous speech natural language utterance is processed by the computer.

18. (currently amended):A computer program product comprising:

a computer usable medium for providing computer understanding by generating computer instructions from a free continuous speech natural language dialog;

a set of computer program instructions embodied on the computer usable medium, including instructions to:

receive a symbolic representation of a free continuous speech natural language utterance;

parse said symbolic representation of said free continuous speech natural language utterance into parsed information

determine, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system-subject area~~ dictionary ~~system for a subject area~~, a subject area identifier ~~for a subject area based upon parsing the symbolic representation, the parsing producing of said~~ parsed information, wherein said context sensitive subject area dictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of subject areas;

determine, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system-program module~~ subdictionary ~~for a program module of the subject area~~, a module identifier ~~for a program module of said subject area~~ based upon the determined subject area identifier and the

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parsed information, wherein said context sensitive program module subdictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of program modules for each of said subject areas;
 determine, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system argument~~ subdictionary for an ~~argument of the program module system~~, an argument identifier for an argument of said program module based upon the determined module identifier and the parsed information, wherein said context sensitive argument subdictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of arguments for each of said program modules;
 determine, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system value~~ subdictionary ~~system for a value of the argument~~, a value identifier for a value of said argument based upon the determined argument identifier and the parsed information, wherein said context sensitive value subdictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of values for each of said arguments; and
 produce computer instructions based upon the subject area identifier, module, the module identifier, the argument identifier and the value identifier, such that the free continuous speech natural language utterance is processed by the computer.

19. (currently amended): A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave comprising a code segment for providing computer understanding by generating computer instructions from a free continuous speech natural language dialog, the code segment including instructions to:

 receive a symbolic representation of a free continuous speech natural language utterance;

parse said symbolic representation of said free continuous speech natural language utterance into parsed information

 determine, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system subject area~~ dictionary ~~for a subject area system~~, a subject area identifier ~~based upon parsing the symbolic representation, the parsing producing for a subject area of said~~ parsed information, wherein said context sensitive subject area dictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of subject areas;

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determine, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system-program module~~ subdictionary ~~system~~for a program module of the subject area, a module identifier for a program module of said subject area based upon the determined subject area identifier and the parsed information, wherein context sensitive program module subdictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of program modules for each of said subject areas;

determine, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system-argument~~ subdictionary ~~system~~for an argument of the program module, an argument identifier for an argument of said program module based upon the determined module identifier and the parsed information, wherein context sensitive argument subdictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of arguments for each of said program modules;

determine, by accessing a context sensitive ~~system-value~~ subdictionary ~~system~~for a value of the argument, a value identifier for a value of said argument based upon the determined argument identifier and the parsed information, wherein context sensitive value subdictionary system comprises data organized in a plurality of values for each of said arguments; and

produce computer instructions based upon the subject area identifier, module, the module identifier, the argument identifier and the value identifier, such that the free continuous speech natural language utterance is processed by the computer.